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SUBJECT: KAGNEW FOUR: BRIEFING OF MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR

REF: ADDIS ABABA 12602

1. DURING COURSE OF CALL ON MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR, BG
GETACHEW NADEW, ON OTHER MATTERS, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY
OF REPEATING TO HIM BRIEFING CONTAINED REFTEL. I READ HIM
TEXT, AS HAD POL COUNSELOR IN ADDIS WHEN HE BRIEFED MOFA OFFICER.

2. GETACHEW SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND, ALTHOUGH HE
APPEARED SURPRISED AND UNENTHUSIASTIC AT FIRST ABOUT FACT THAT
WE HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH ELF REPS, BY THE TIME I HAD
COMPLETED THE READING HE SEEMED NOT ONLY RESIGNED TO THIS
DEVELOPMENT BUT UNDERSTANDING OF OUR EFFORTS. I TOLD HIM IT
WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT BOWIDOWICZ AND STRICKLAND BEING HELD
BY ELF WHILE CAMPBELL AND HARRELL HELD BY PLF. GETACHEW TOOK
NOTE OF THIS, AND I TOLD HIM I WOULD KEEP HIM INFORMED OF ANY
FURTHER DISCUSSION WE HAD WITH REPS OF EITHER INSURGENT
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GROUP. IN THIS CONNECTION GETACHEW HIMSELF USED THE TERMS

ELF AND PLF INSTEAD OF THE CUSTOMARY TERM "BANDITS."

3. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT, FOLLOWING THIS DISCUSSION, GETACHEW LAUNCHED INTO A DENUNCIATION OF THE BRITISH, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS HOSTILE TO THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT. IT TURNED OUT THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO RECENT BBC BROADCASTS QUOTING BRITISH CORRESPONDENT'S REPORTS OF VISITS TO INSURGENT-HELD AREAS IN THE DESERTS OF NORTHERN AND WESTERN ERITREA. HE WAS PARTICULARLY INCENSED AT YESTERDAY MORNING'S BBC BROADCAST WHICH ACCOMPANIED A REPORT OF THE ABDUCTION OF THE BRITISH HONORARY CONSUL WITH A TRAVELING REPORTER'S ACCOUNT OF THE PROGRESS OF THE INSURGENCY. IN THE PAST GETACHEW HAS DEMONSTRATED HIMSELF TO BE VERY HOSTILE TO THE ITALIANS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT HE ALSO HARBORS RESENTMENT AGAINST THE BRITISH.

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